

Henry Leckentruet
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Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst suggesting that you had received no authority to experiment in the forms of apparatus for employing fusible alloys came duly to hand, but was not answered at the time, the opinion of the Attorney General not having been received.

That opinion was received today and a copy is herewith enclosed. It conclusively shows that the alloys may be employed in the modes suggested by Prof Bache in the report of the Franklin Institute to the Secretary of the Treasury of 21 Sep 1836 without any infringement of Evans' Patent.

You may now proceed with the proposed experiments and when you have determined on the best form, you will report, in order that it may be decided whether the Inspectors should be furnished with them.

Very respectfully
Yours &c

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